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In response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 1999, please enter the following remarks into the prosecution history of the above-identified application without prejudice.

REMARKS

This response is being submitted within the shortened one-month statutory period set for responding to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 1999. Therefore, an extension of time is not required.

While the Applicants traverse the outstanding restriction requirement, the Applicants nevertheless provisionally elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-14) for prosecution on the merits.